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CARMICHAEL MAN WHO POSED AS A REVEREND PLEADS GUILTY TO BANK FRAUD AND AGGRAVATED ID THEFT VIA STOLEN U.S. MAIL

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that JACK WYNNE MORRISON, Jr., 43, pleaded guilty this morning before United States District Court Judge Morrison C. England to felony bank fraud and identity theft charges.

This case is the product of an extensive combined investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the City of Roseville Police Department, and the City of Sacramento Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, from March 2007 through September 2007, MORRISON devised a scheme to negotiate checks that were stolen from the U.S. Mail. In carrying out this scheme, MORRISON—after obtaining checks that had been stolen from the U.S. Mail—washed, altered and forged the stolen checks. MORRISON then cashed and attempted to cash the checks at federally insured financial institutions. MORRISON assumed the identity of at least four different individuals, and he used stolen identifications to execute his bank and identity theft scheme. MORRISON even claimed he was a Reverend in order to steal money that had been donated to the Oak Hills Church, located in Folsom, California. MORRISON was apprehended pursuant to law enforcement investigation stemming from bank and post office (blue collection box) surveillance images.

MORRISON is scheduled to be sentenced on August 21, 2008. He is facing up to 30

years imprisonment for his bank fraud convictions (two counts), up to five additional years for his possession of stolen U.S. Mail conviction (one count), and he will receive a mandatory two-year sentence for his aggravated ID theft conviction (one count). The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors. MORRISON also faces a fine of up to \$1,000,000, restitution, and federal supervised release of up to five years following any period of incarceration.

MORRISON was on California state parole during commission of his felony fraud offenses. He has been denied bail and remanded into federal custody.

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